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METHOD OF CHECKING AUTHENTICITY OF

SHEET WITH BUILT-IN ELECTRONIC

CIRCUIT CHIP

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above application as follows.